# First Congregational
## United Church of Christ

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**An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice**

**October 2, 2022**
**10:00 am**

**“Free to Grieve”**
**17th Sunday after Pentecost**
**Neighbors in Need Offering & World Communion Sunday**

**No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!**

**WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.**

**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234**

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

## OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
## First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

**"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation,** Henry Purcell
Arr, Cindy Berry

**RINGING THE BELL** **MARTY KLEINO**

**WELCOME** **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- Today is World Communion Sunday & *Neighbors in Need* Offering.
- **Today--the first Sunday in October--we celebrate the birthdays of folks in our faith community born in the month of June by singing "Happy Birthday." Folks with October birthdays according to Church records are Melanie Harner and Marti Schneider. Happy Birthday!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** **PATTY SHERWOOD**

**COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**

- The Roomie Worship Leader and Greeter is Patty Sherwood.
- The Zoomie Greeter is Anne Marie Nicole-Turner.
- The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
- Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
- **This is the first Sunday of the month; we will be sharing communion during this service.**
- **Please gather your own elements. Creativity is a blessing.**
- Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**GATHERING HYMN** *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

**"Let Your Spirit Come"**
**17 SING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **PATTY SHERWOOD**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Holy One, our rock and our fortress.

**People: We come to worship, for the Holy One is our refuge.**

Leader: O come, give thanks to the Holy One, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**People:** We give thanks to the One whose love assures us of growth in the darkness.

Leader: O come, with gratitude for the faith that is assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

**People: We come, giving thanks in the Spirit who searches us and knows us, whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Amen.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

**"We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed"**
**540 NCH**

## LISTENING FOR GOD

**FIRST READING** **Lamentations 1:1-4** **PATTY SHERWOOD**

**SECOND READING** **2 Timothy 1:1-14** **PASTOR LIZ**

**HYMN** *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

**"I Will Trust in the Lord"**
**416 NCH**

**MORNING MESSAGE** **"Free to Grieve"** **PASTOR LIZ**

## CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

**DISCIPLES' PRAYER (Unison)** *Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

**O Holy One, we come today**
**To claim our relationship with you.**
**We pray for the commitment to grow together,**
**sharing the gifts you give us with others.**

**Forgive us for the hurt we have inflicted,**
**And help us forgive those who have hurt us.**
**Give us strength and discipline**
**To nurture our relationship with you.**
**To care for every part of your creation.**
**To foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need.**
**To work to end all war, and violence, and discord.**
**And to respond joyfully when you call,**
**Freely giving ourselves as you have shown the way.**
**Amen.**

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## OFFERING

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**OFFERTORY INVITATION** **PASTOR LIZ**

**Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly**

**Please place in-person offerings in the gold offertory plate on the table by the door.**

**Checks can be mailed to:**
**First Congregational United Church of Christ**
**PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198**

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**OFFERTORY** **"Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee",** Arr, Cindy Berry **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

**DOXOLOGY** ***Microphone muted** *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

**"Take My Gifts" v.2 562 NCH**

*Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,*
*Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,*
*Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,*
*Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *Unison with Microphone muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

**We are grateful to you, O God, for the many gifts we have inherited through this community of faith. We put our trust in you, and ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance, that our gifts would nourish those who find themselves grieving and suffering loss. Use these offerings to build up this church, so through our outward-reaching ministries, we may build up others. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

**"Bread of the World"**
**50 ES**

**COMMUNION SERVICE** **PASTOR LIZ**

*No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Christ's table!*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** **PASTOR LIZ**

## DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

**CLOSING HYMN** *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

**"A Heart with Wings"**
**Cagle**

**BENEDICTION (Unison)** **PASTOR LIZ**

**Let us remember that even as darkness surrounds us, it nourishes our growth and strengthens us to go forth, sharing signs of new life to come. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** *Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

**"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"**, George Webb
Arr. Cindy Berry

**PASSING THE PEACE** **FRIENDS GATHERED**

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

**Hybrid (In-Person & Interactive Zoom) Worship 10:00 am**

**Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director**
**Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director**
**Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist**

**Patty Sherwood, Worship Leader/Roomie Greeter**
**Anne Marie Nicole-Turner Zoomie Greeter**
**Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer**
**Jenn Zibbell, MID**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108**

**Worship Next Week: Ivan Harner, Worship Leader/Roomie Greeter. Jeanette Sherrill, Zoomie Greater.**

**Tomorrow we celebrate with Pastor Liz, the 1-year anniversary of her ordination. We re-member the amazing journey we are on. What a blessing!!!**

**Neighbors in Need Offering:** Our special offering today is one of the 4 special offerings of the United Church of Christ. This year NIN funds are being designated on economic justice. One-third of the offering helps support CAIM (Council for American Indian Ministry) and tw-thirds provides grants to local UCC congregations and supports social justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects.

**Check out the Pictures of our Pet Blessing Service on our website:** ypsiucc.org. Thanks to all whose contributions made this event a success!

**VISIONING GATHERINGS POSTPONED TO BEGIN MONDAY, OCTOBER 31. 7:00 pm via Zoom:** Pastor Liz will lead us in doing the follow-up communal discernment work of identifying Ypsi UCC's unique combination of "Purpose = Identity + Context + Values" based on our spring book study on Susan Beaumont's *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season.* All are invited to participate in this important conversation about where God's Spirit is calling our faith community to serve at this critical juncture in our church's life cycle. In preparation, it would be ideal to re-read the whole book. In a nod to our busy schedules—if this is not possible—please focus on re-reading Chapter 6: "Clarifying Purpose: Who Do We Choose to Be?" Pages 113-133. Looking forward to engaging in this meaningful exploration together!

**Rev. Cheryl Burke, Associate Conference Minister, Michigan Conference UCC, will be our guest preacher on October 30.**

Cheryl will offer a message on "Transitions" grounded in Susan Beaumont's book. There will be a Friendship Time Lunch after worship where we can continue the conversation more casually. Thank you, Cheryl, for sharing your gifts and expertise in support of our Monday evening communal discernment gatherings based on Beaumont's work. We look forward to your in-person visit.

## Michigan Conference Annual Meeting, Saturday, October 22, 9:00, and Installation of Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel, Sunday, October 23, 3:00:

We need two Annual Meeting delegates. Contact Donna Eyster if you can attend.

### 2022 Michigan Conference UCC Annual Gathering
### Registration & Materials

### Hybrid Installation Service for Conference Minister,
### The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel

We are excited for our Michigan Conference UCC Annual Gathering via Zoom on Saturday, October 22nd, 2022. A link to register is provided below. Please plan to login by 9:00 a.m. for announcements.

Everyone is invited to the Hybrid Installation Service for Conference Minister, The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel, which will take place on Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00p. The in-person service will take place at Edgewood United Church, UCC, in East Lansing. The service will also be viewable via the church's YouTube Channel. Registration for the installation service is separate from that of the Annual Gathering - please let us know HOW you plan to attend - In-person or online - please register accordingly. You will find both registration links below.

Twenty-five (25) people will be randomly selected to attend a Budget Hearing taking place the morning of the Annual Gathering beginning at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. Those selected to attend will receive an email notification on Monday, October 17th that will contain a link to the Budget Hearing. If you were not notified about the Budget Hearing but would like to attend, please contact me (lisa@michucc.org) for a link to the hearing.

Materials and Annual Reports for the Annual Gathering will be available on our website - Friday, October 14th - please follow this link:
http://www.michucc.org/component/content/article/8-mini-frontpage/169-save-the-date-october-22-2022-michigan-conference-ucc-annual-gathering?Itemid=101

- Draft Agenda *(subject to change)*
- 2021 Financial Report
- Call to Action 2022: Water Justice for All

**REGISTER FOR ANNUAL GATHERING 2022**
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUud-2upjMoGdHN-PZXDrVM3iL8_F1FFKb5

**Hybrid Installation Service for Conference Minister, The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel**
Sunday, October 23rd @ 3:00 p.m.
In- Person: Edgewood United Church, UCC, 469 N. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823. Childcare is available for the service and reception to follow.

Online viewing: https://www.youtube.com/EdgewoodUnitedChurch
**REGISTER FOR THE INSTALLATION SERVICE**
http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=vvgfsudab&oeidk=a07eje6oju9259458bf

**From Pastor Dan Kidder-McQuown: Prechter Lecture, University of Michigan:** Dan highly recommends this opportunity and has found it is very helpful info/support for those with bipolar and those that support them. The link to register is below.

This year's Prechter Lecture will feature keynote speaker Chamique Holdsclaw(link is external), former WNBA star and mental health advocate. Chamique will give a talk about Mind/Game(link is external): The lifelong pursuit of order after a bipolar disorder diagnosis. Chamique will touch on her mental health struggles throughout her life and how she has become committed to help others accept and seek help for their mental health and well being. She will also speak about the stigma around mental health in the black and brown communities and in sport. The talk will be followed by a panel discussion highlighting the Prechter Program's research projects.

https://medicine.umich.edu/dept/prechter-program/events/202210/16th-annual-prechter-lecture-featuring-chamique-holdsclaw

***Holy Grounds Coffee Ministry at Trinity Health St Joseph Mercy becomes an official "Ministry" of Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC.*** During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at St. Joe Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain.

While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout.The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry. Please consider donating coffee sesnacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino *at Mgkleino@gmail.com* or 734-262-1419t to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at *mcq188@gmail.com* or 517-240-8413.

**Follow-up to Heather McGhee book study. The Sum of Us: What Racism Cost Everyone by Heather McGhee** was one of our book studies last Fall. Tad Wysor has found a new podcast of her which he recommends to all of us. Check it out and as Tad said, *let's keep stirring the pot and keep those awesome conversations elicited by the book going!!!*

https://open.spotify.com/episode/30VumyrlhkZzhJ20FRYHIT?si=aUX4Qi_pSTCPnCl_i38et4EQpt

**Hispanic/Latinex Heritage Month:The Complicated Origins:** By Porter Braswell, Co-founder-Executive Chairman of Jopwell, Founder of 2045 Studio, author of Let Them Seeou & host of the podcast Race at Work. Subscribe to his weekly content pieces at Diversity Explained.

For those who are unaware, "Latinx" is a recently coined term that seeks to cut through the gender distinction created by "Latino" and "Latina" and promotes inclusivity. The term has caught on in the U.S., particularly in academia and corporations, as a gender-inclusive

alternative that encompasses the 62.1 million people of Hispanic/Latinx origin living in the United States today.

However, the term has not found such solid footing in the Latin American community itself. Although nearly a quarter of Latinx-identifying people are aware of it, only 3% report actually using it. One reasons is that “Latinx” is seen as a foreign imposition by Americans. As one impassioned 16-year-old, Evan Odegard Pereira, wrote in an essay published in the New York Times last year:

> Language changes over time, but such adaptations must be organic. Forced changes from outside our community are a form of linguistic imperialism… At its core, this is an issue of linguistic self-determination. The Latino community doesn’t need politicians and corporations to “fix” our language; we can confront our community’s issues on our own terms.

You’ll notice this language emphasizes the Spanish origin of Latin American peoples. The “missionaries, captains, soldiers, and farmers” were of course European colonizers of pre-Columbian societies that had flourished in Central and South America for centuries. This is exactly why “Hispanic” sounds so grating and ersatz to communities who are defined by their combined cultural influences, which includes elements from African, European, and indigenous peoples. To be defined solely by an association with Spain is an insult to Latin America’s many multiracial and multiethnic identities.

Both “Latinx” and “Hispanic” are imperfect terms, precisely because they are impositions from the outside; they don’t come from Latin American communities themselves. We use them out of convenience, but we must acknowledge where they come from and the confusion they often imply. Their very existence demonstrates how the narrative of Latin American history and heritage has been shaped and insufficiently nuanced by foreign institutions.

Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month exists so we can explore these questions, raise awareness about Latin American history, and celebrate the incredible contributions of so many Latin American cultures to our own. This is actually quite a tall order, given that the fourth-largest continent on Earth is South America with a total area of roughly 17,835,252 km2 (6,886,229 mi2), divided between 12 countries and a handful of territories, including French Guiana and the Falkland Islands. The primary languages used throughout South America are Spanish and Portuguese. Additionally there are a total of 7 countries in Central America, 6 of which speak Spanish as an official language. Then there are 3 Spanish-speaking nations in the Caribbean; Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico; and elsewhere in Africa, Equatorial Guinea, and Spain in Europe. All these communities are represented by these umbrella terms, and all have contributed to our food, music, dance, art, and sports: Latin American people, specifically, have played dazzling roles in all of these categories. We have only to think of iconic Mexican cuisines, artists like Frida Kahlo, or dances like salsa and the tango to get a small taste of these contributions.

# OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES

## HOLY GROUNDS

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Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

## THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

## IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR

has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

*To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.*

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

**WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION**

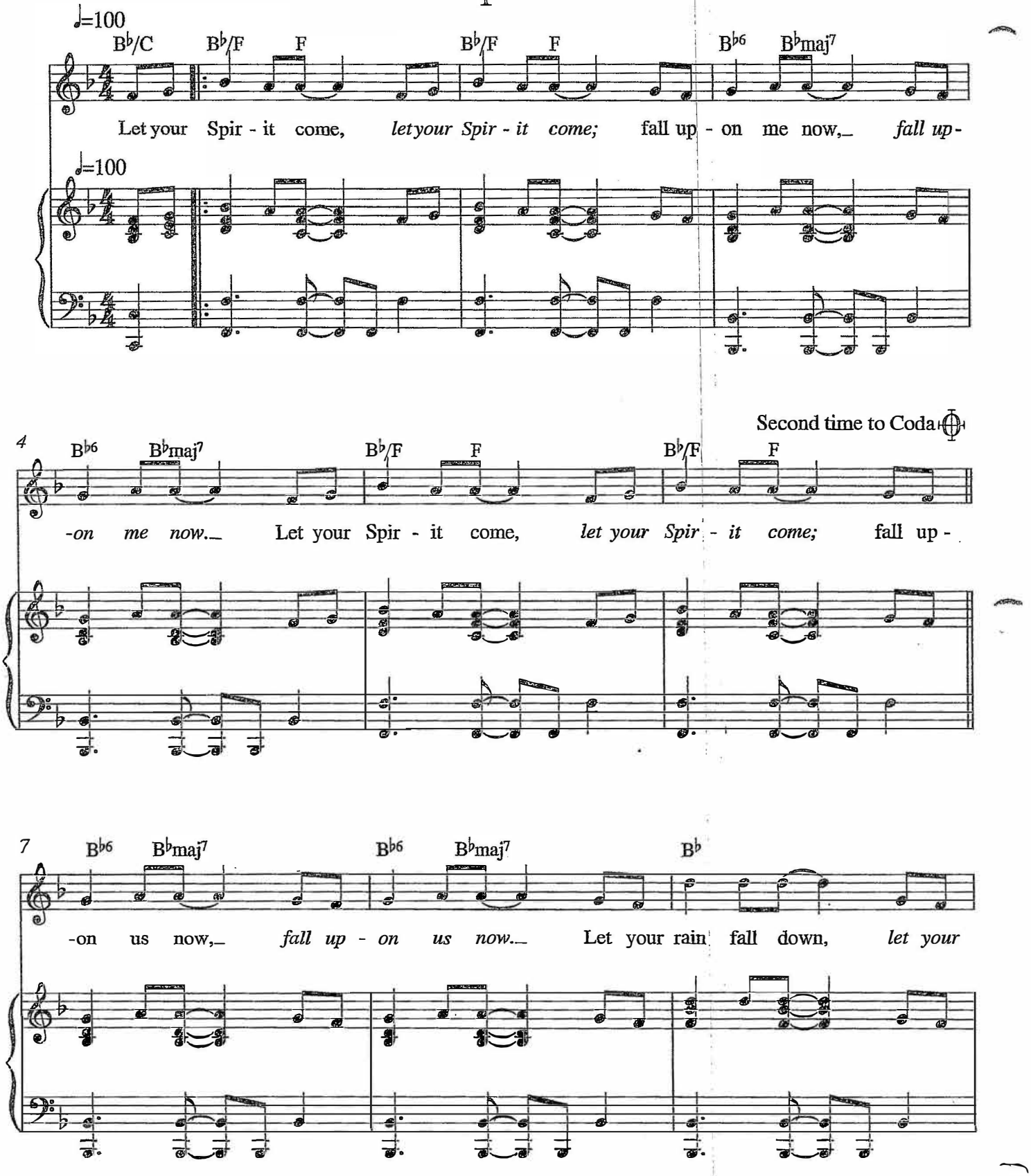
First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

*WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.*

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

*Call and Response*

# Let Your Spirit Come

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-on us now,_ *fall up - on us now._* Let your rain fall down, *let your*

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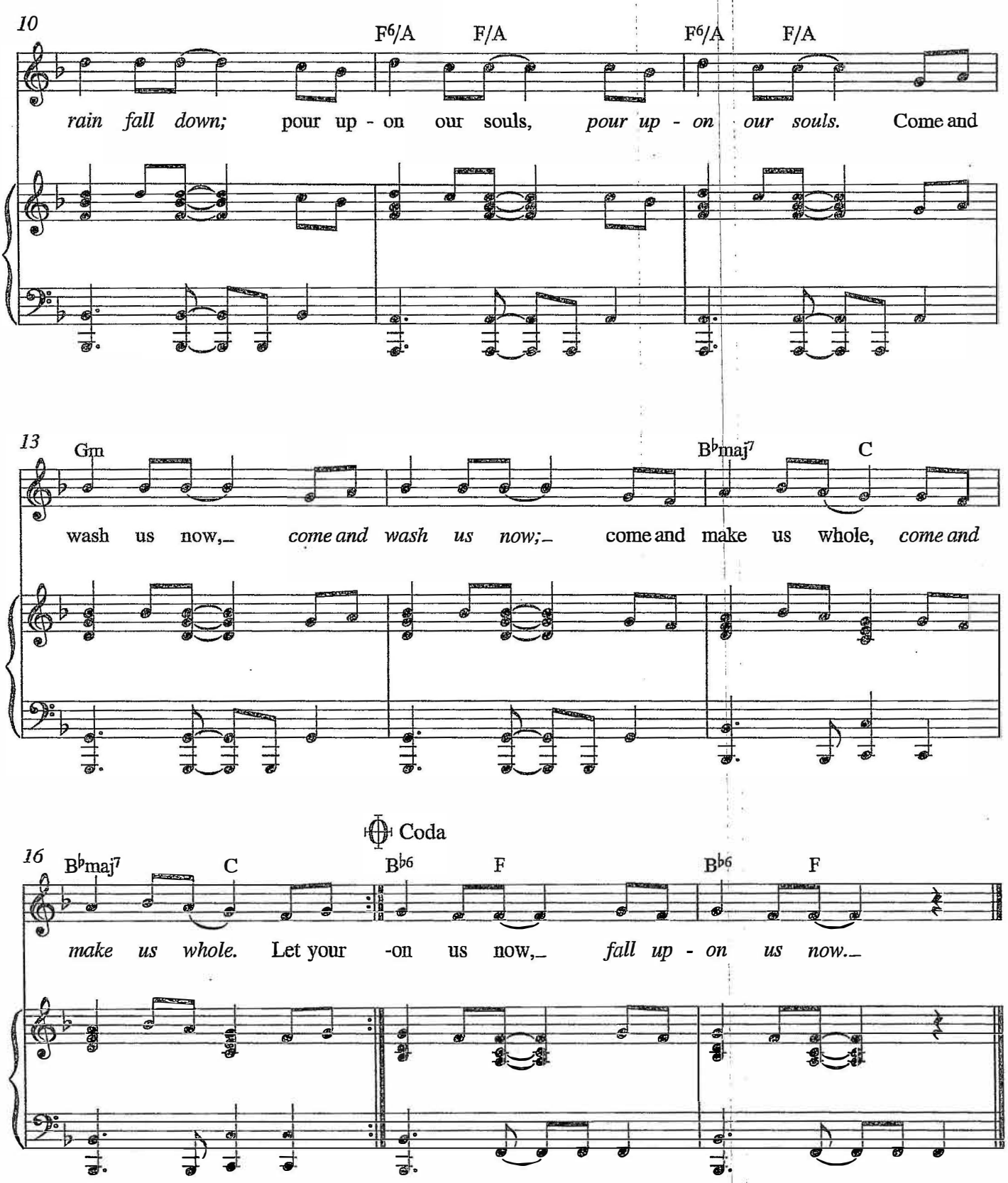
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rain fall down; pour up - on our souls, pour up - on our souls. Come and
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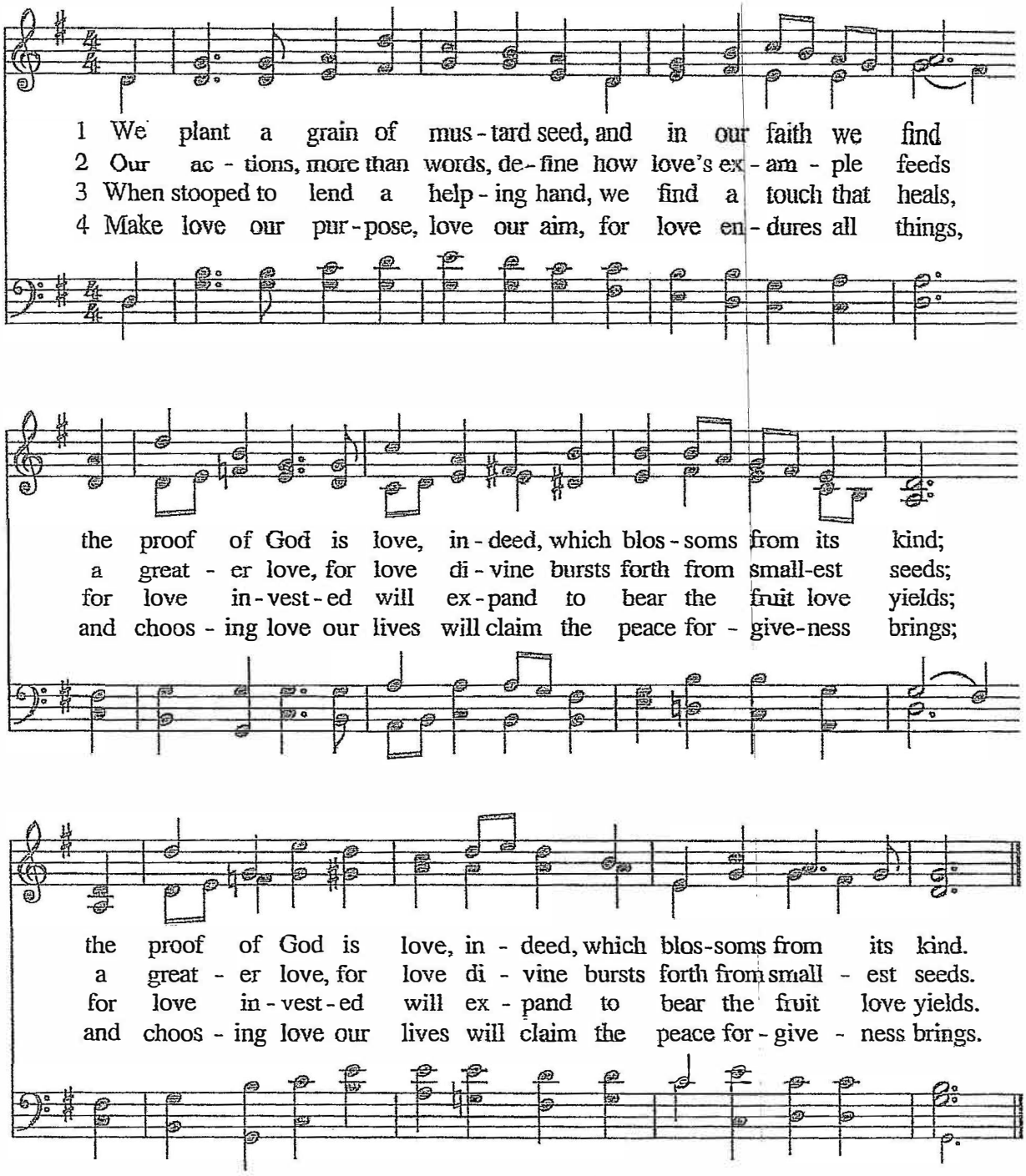
Gm B♭maj7 C
wash us now, come and wash us now; come and make us whole, come and
Coda
16
B♭maj7 C B♭6 F B♭6 F
make us whole. Let your -on us now, fall up - on us now.

# 540 We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed

*Matt. 13:31–32; Mark 4:30–32; Luke 13:18–19; John 13:34–35; 15:12–17*

*Mary Bryan Matney, 1990*


1 We plant a grain of mus - tard seed, and in our faith we find
2 Our ac - tions, more than words, de - fine how love's ex - am - ple feeds
3 When stooped to lend a help - ing hand, we find a touch that heals,
4 Make love our pur - pose, love our aim, for love en - dures all things,
the proof of God is love, in - deed, which blos - soms from its kind;
a great - er love, for love di - vine bursts forth from small-est seeds;
for love in - vest - ed will ex - pand to bear the fruit love yields;
and choos - ing love our lives will claim the peace for - give-ness brings;
the proof of God is love, in - deed, which blos-soms from its kind.
a great - er love, for love di - vine bursts forth from small - est seeds.
for love in - vest - ed will ex - pand to bear the fruit love yields.
and choos - ing love our lives will claim the peace for - give - ness brings.

5 So may our new be-gin-nings prove,
like liv-ing bread and wine,
that through our com-mon hu-man love
we taste what is di-vine;
that through our com-mon hu-man love
we taste what is di-vine.

6 Our lives will be ful-filled and blessed
if through the seeds we've sown
and by the love that we pro-fess
the love of Christ is known;
and by the love that we pro-fess
the love of Christ is known.

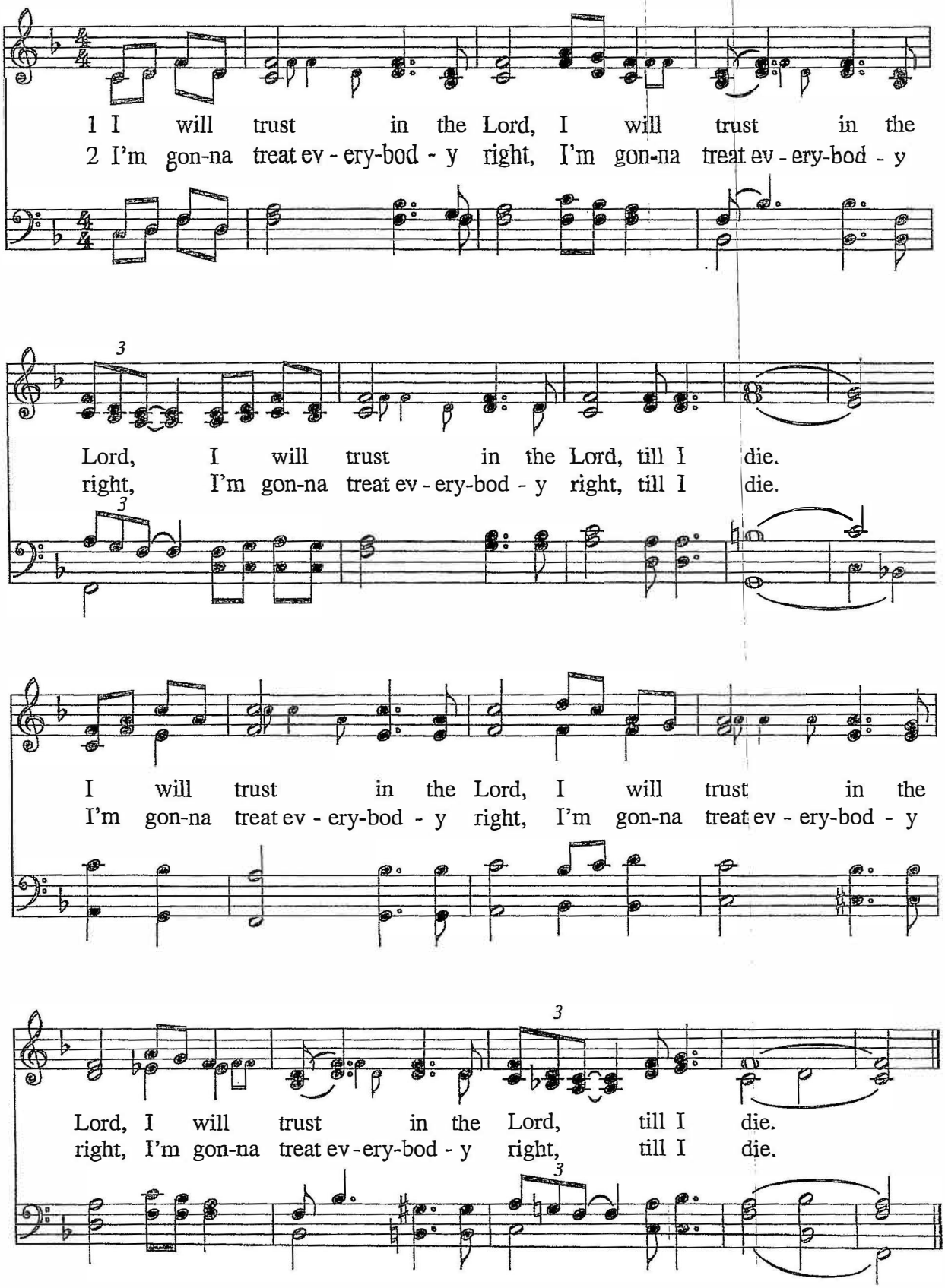
*Mary Bryan Matney and Sally Ann Morris wrote this hymn in 1990 for the marriage of friends. In 1992, it won first prize in its category in a hymnwriting competition sponsored by the Charlotte, North Carolina, chapter of the American Guild of Organists.*

Tune: NEW BEGINNINGS 8.6.8.6.8.6.
*Sally Ann Morris, 1990*

# I Will Trust in the Lord

# 416

*African-American traditional*

*Ps. 37:3*

1 I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the
2 I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y
Lord, I will trust in the Lord, till I die.
right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, till I die.
I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the
I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y
Lord, I will trust in the Lord, till I die.
right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, till I die.

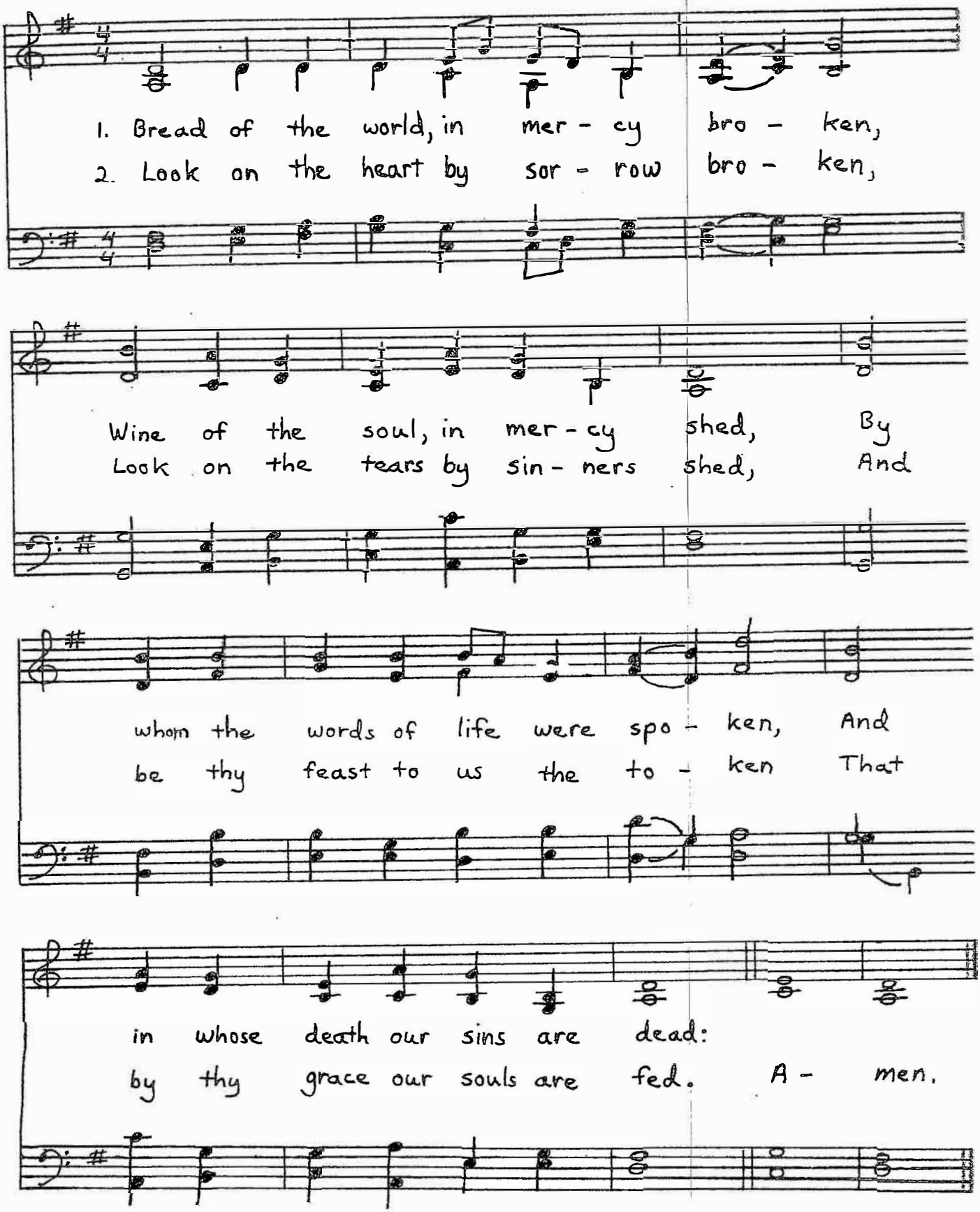
*One use of this traditional song has been in African-American churches, where someone giving a testimony would raise a verse or two, and be joined by the congregation in singing. Then the person would build a testimony upon the hymn's thematic language.*

Tune: TRUST IN THE LORD Irr.
*African-American traditional*
*Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993*

# Bread of the World

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

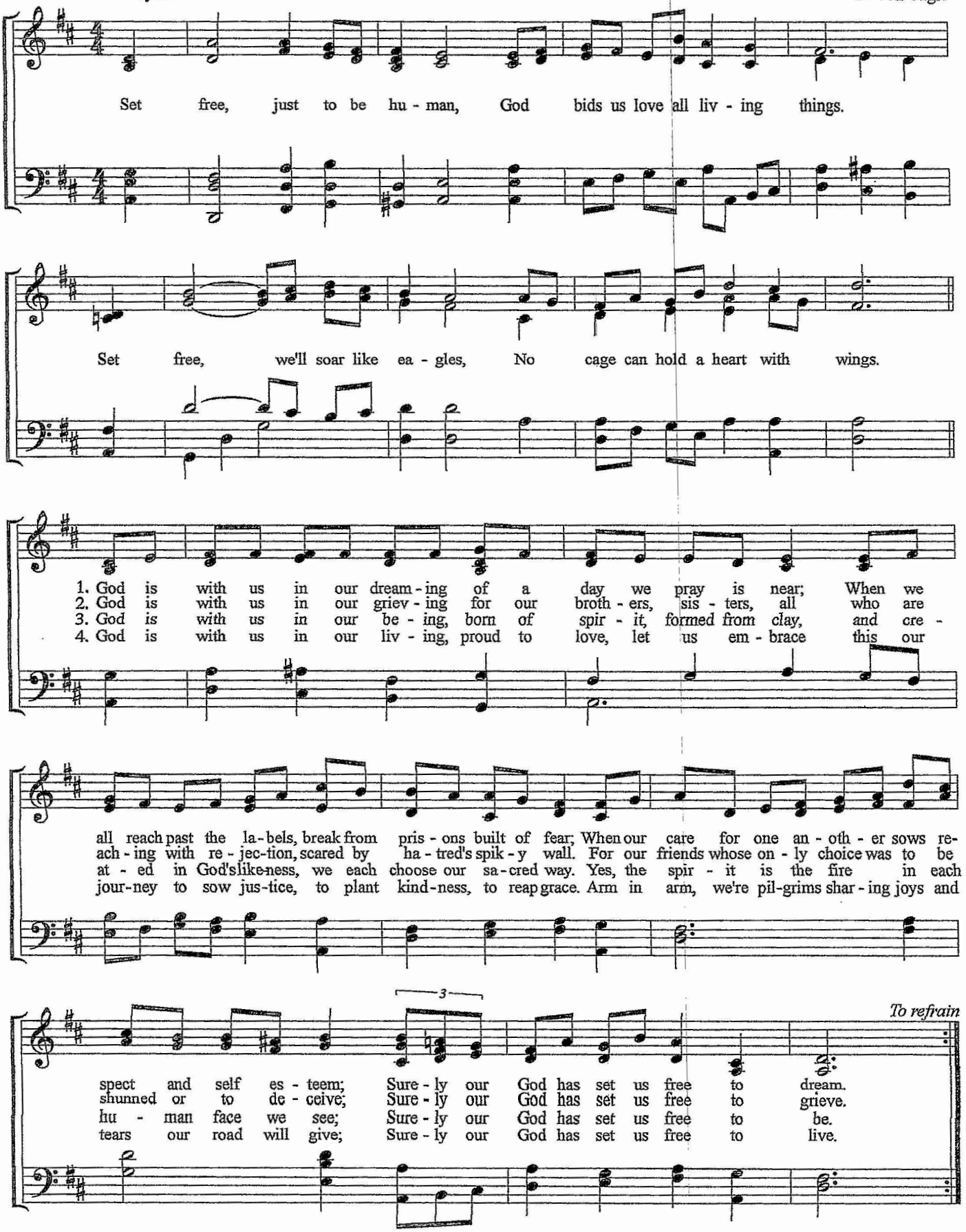
SRI LAMPANG 9.8.9.8
Thailand folk melody


1. Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken,
2. Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken,
Wine of the soul, in mer - cy shed, By
Look on the tears by sin - ners shed, And
whom the words of life were spo - ken, And
be thy feast to us the to - ken That
in whose death our sins are dead:
by thy grace our souls are fed. A - men.

# A Heart with Wings

*A hymn to celebrate the open and affirming people of faith*
*at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti, Michigan*

The Rev. Susan Lyon

Steven Cagle

Set free, just to be hu - man, God bids us love all liv - ing things.
Set free, we'll soar like ea - gles, No cage can hold a heart with wings.
1. God is with us in our dream - ing of a day we pray is near; When we
2. God is with us in our griev - ing for our broth - ers, sis - ters, all who are
3. God is with us in our be - ing, born of spir - it, formed from clay, and cre -
4. God is with us in our liv - ing, proud to love, let us em - brace this our
all reach past the la - bels, break from pris - ons built of fear; When our care for one an - oth - er sows re-
ach - ing with re - jec - tion, scared by ha - tred's spik - y wall. For our friends whose on - ly choice was to be
at - ed in God's like-ness, we each choose our sa - cred way. Yes, the spir - it is the fire in each
jour - ney to sow jus - tice, to plant kind - ness, to reap grace. Arm in arm, we're pil - grims shar - ing joys and
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To refrain
spect and self es - teem; Sure - ly our God has set us free to dream.
shunned or to de - ceive; Sure - ly our God has set us free to grieve.
hu - man face we see; Sure - ly our God has set us free to be.
tears our road will give; Sure - ly our God has set us free to live.
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